

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-14, 16, 17, and 19-29, and **ADD** claims 30 and 31, as follows:

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium which includes audio data recorded in an audio area with catalog playback information and catalog information related to the audio data are recorded in another area other than the audio area, wherein the ~~catalog information comprises common catalog data commonly applied for more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponding to each of the audio data, and the~~ another area comprises a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on the catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) in which at least one title catalog title including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data is recorded, the playback apparatus comprising:

a decoding unit to decode the audio data, ~~the common catalog information and the title catalog information;~~ and

a controller to control the decoding unit so as to simultaneously decode the audio data to be played back and ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ corresponding to the audio data to be played back according to the catalog playback information.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller stores the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ of the audio data which is to be played back prior to playing back the audio data.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller distinguishes whether the catalog playback information exists in the storage medium by defining file names of the catalog playback information, defining a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defining information indicating whether of a file exists in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region, during the playback operation.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium which includes audio data stored in an audio area with catalog playback information and catalog information related to the audio data and stored in another area other than the audio area, wherein ~~the catalog information comprises common catalog information commonly applied for the more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponding to each of the audio data, and the another area comprises a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on the catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) in which at least one title catalog title including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data is recorded, the playback apparatus comprising:~~

a video decoder which decodes ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information,~~ and additional information to generate a restored image;

an audio decoder which decodes the audio data to be restored to generate restored audio signals; and

a controller which controls playback of ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ according to the catalog playback information.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the controller reads ~~the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ in a predetermined sequence.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ are defined to be within a predetermined size.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a storing unit which stores the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog information, and a plurality of title catalogs including the one title catalog and which forms the catalog information,~~ wherein a data size of a sum of ~~the common catalog information and data of one title catalog from of the~~ a plurality of title catalogs which form the title catalog information is at or smaller than a capacity of the storing unit.

8. (ORIGINAL) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the restored image is a still picture for background display, and the additional information is a sub-picture for transferring characters.

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium which includes audio data stored in an audio area with catalog playback information and catalog information related to the audio data and stored in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information ~~comprises common catalog information commonly applied for the more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponding~~ corresponds to each of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

a video decoder which decodes ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information,~~ and additional information to generate a restored image;

an audio decoder which decodes the audio data to be restored to generate restored audio signals; and

a controller which controls playback of ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ according to the catalog playback information,

wherein the video decoder decodes the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ according to a standard digital versatile disk-video (DVD-Video) specification.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium which includes audio data stored in an audio area with catalog playback information and catalog information related to the audio data and stored in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information ~~comprises common catalog information commonly applied for the more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponding~~ corresponds to each of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

a video decoder which decodes ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information,~~ and additional information to generate a restored image;

an audio decoder which decodes the audio data to be restored to generate restored audio signals; and

a controller which controls playback of ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ according to the catalog playback information,

wherein:

the catalog playback information includes a file identifier and an audio-auto presentation information table used to determine a location of the ~~common catalog information~~ and the ~~title catalog information~~ to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time in accordance with real-time playback information of audio obtained from the audio data during real-time playback, and

if a user does not enter a catalog selection command for a given time during a playback mode of the audio data, the controller reads the ~~audio information~~ auto presentation information table to extract the corresponding ~~one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ of the audio data being played back.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation of a storage medium which includes encoded audio data in an audio area with catalog playback information and encoded catalog information in another area other than the audio data and which is related to the audio data, wherein the ~~catalog information comprises common catalog information commonly applied for more than one of the audio data recorded on a storage medium, and title catalog information corresponding to each of the audio data, and the another area comprises a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on the catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) in which at least one title catalog title including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data is recorded, the playback apparatus comprising:~~

an optical pickup which reads the encoded audio data, ~~the common catalog information~~ and the ~~title catalog information~~; and

a decoding unit which decodes the encoded audio data, and ~~one of the encoded common catalog information and the encoded title catalog information~~ according to the catalog playback information.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a storage device which stores the read ~~one of the encoded common catalog information and title catalog information~~ prior to the optical pickup reading the encoded audio data from the storage medium.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

a controller which controls playback of ~~one of the encoded common catalog information~~ and a title of the encoded ~~title catalog~~ information corresponding to a selection of a user and the read encoded catalog playback information.

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14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus for playing back a storage medium having catalog information stored in a catalog area and which is related to DVD-audio stored in an audio area other than the catalog area and which includes catalog playback information, wherein the catalog information ~~comprises common catalog information commonly applied for more than one of the audio data recorded on a storage medium, and title catalog information~~ corresponding to each of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

an optical pickup which reads the storage medium and the corresponding ~~common catalog information and title catalog~~ information; and

a processor which reproduces the ~~common catalog information and title catalog~~ information according to the catalog playback information.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The playback apparatus according to claim 14, wherein:

the storage medium further stores DVD-video, and

the processor reproduces the DVD-video according to the editing system for the DVD-video.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording apparatus to perform a recording on a storage medium, comprising:

an encoding unit to encode audio data and catalog playback information to be in an audio area and catalog information related to the audio data to be in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information comprises ~~common catalog data for information commonly applied for the all of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog~~ data having information corresponding to distinct items of the audio data, and wherein the catalog playback information includes information on which one of the ~~common catalog data and the title catalog~~ data is to reproduced when the corresponding items of the audio data are reproduced; and

an optical pickup to record the encoded audio data and the catalog playback information in the audio area, and the encoded ~~common catalog data and title catalog~~ data in the another area,

wherein the another area comprises a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on the catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) in which at least one title catalog ~~title~~ including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data is recorded.

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17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:
the optical pickup records the encoded audio data and, the ~~common catalog data and~~
~~title catalog data~~ in accordance with the catalog playback information, and

the recording apparatus further comprises a controller which defines file names of the ~~common catalog data and title catalog data~~ for storage on the storage medium, defines a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defines information indicating whether a file exists on the storage medium in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region of the storage medium.

18. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:
the encoding unit encodes video data representing an image which is a still picture relating to the audio data, and additional information which represents a sub-picture for transferring characters; and

the optical pickup records the encoded video data and the encoded additional information on the storage medium.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the encoding unit encodes the ~~common catalog data and title catalog data~~ according a standard digital versatile disk-video (DVD-video) specification.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the optical pickup records the ~~common catalog data and title catalog data~~ in an image information region of a volume space of the storage medium, and records the audio data in the audio region of the storage medium.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the optical pickup records the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog information~~ in an image title set of the image information region, and the optical pickup records the catalog

playback information in an audio management region of the audio region and distinct items of the audio data in respective audio title sets of the audio region.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the ~~title-catalog~~ information is divided in distinct title catalog information corresponding to the respective ones of the distinct items of the audio data, and the optical pickup records the distinct title catalog information into respective program chains of the image title set.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the catalog playback information comprises locations of image information in which the ~~common catalog data and the title-catalog data~~ are recorded, a file identifier, and an auto presentation information table in which is stored the locations of one item of the ~~common catalog data and the title-catalog data~~ to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time according to real-time playback information of the audio data obtained by real-time playback of the audio data.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording apparatus to perform a recording on a storage medium, comprising:

an encoding unit to encode audio data and catalog playback information to be in an audio area and catalog information related to the audio data to be in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information comprises ~~common catalog data for information commonly applied for the all of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title-catalog data having information corresponding to distinct items of the audio data, and wherein the catalog playback information includes information on which one of the common catalog data and the title-catalog data is to reproduced when the corresponding items of the audio data are reproduced; and~~

an optical pickup to record the encoded audio data and the catalog playback information in the audio area, and the encoded ~~common catalog data and title-catalog data~~ in the another area,

wherein:

the optical pickup records the encoded audio data, ~~common catalog data and title-catalog data~~ and the encoded catalog data in accordance with the catalog playback information,

the recording apparatus further comprises a controller which defines file names of the ~~common catalog data and title-catalog data~~ for storage on the storage medium, defines a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a

space for storing the catalog playback information, or defines information indicating whether a file exists on the storage medium in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region of the storage medium,

the optical pickup records the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog~~ information in an image title set of the image information region, and the optical pickup records the catalog playback information in an audio management region of the audio region and distinct items of the audio data in respective audio title sets of the audio region,

the ~~title catalog~~ information is divided in distinct title catalogs ~~information~~ corresponding to the respective ones of the distinct items of the audio data, and the optical pickup records the distinct title catalogs ~~information~~ into respective program chains of the image title set,

the catalog playback information comprises:

locations of image information in which the catalog information is recorded,

a file identifier, and

an auto presentation information table in which is stored the locations of one item of the catalog information to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time according to real-time playback information of the audio data obtained by real-time playback of the audio data,

the file identifier comprises:

a plurality of program chain numbers corresponding to the program chains of the ~~common catalog information and the title catalogs~~ information, and

catalog pointers pointing to locations on the storage medium of the program chains, and

the auto presentation table has playback time information which appropriately and automatically plays back the catalog information, using the real-time playback information obtained from the audio data while each recorded item of the ~~title catalog~~ information is played back, and information on the playback location of the catalog information, so that the auto presentation information table has information on still pictures and sub-pictures to be played back within the catalog information when a user has not input commands while one item of the ~~title catalog~~ information is played back.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:

the optical pickup records the ~~common catalog information and the title catalog~~ information in an image title set of an image information region of the storage medium, and

the optical pickup records the catalog playback information in a predetermined information region of an audio file and distinct items of the audio data in respective audio title sets of the audio region of the storage medium.

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26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the ~~title catalog information~~ is divided in distinct title catalogs ~~information~~ corresponding to respective ones of distinct items of the audio data, and the optical pickup records the distinct title catalogs ~~information~~ into respective program chains of an image title set on the storage medium.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:

a decoding unit which decodes the encoded audio data and the encoded ~~common catalog data and title catalog data~~ read from the storage medium;

wherein the optical pickup reads the encoded audio data, ~~common catalog data and title~~ the catalog data.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising:

a storage device which stores the ~~common catalog data and title catalog data~~ of the audio data which is to be played back; and

a controller which controls the decoding unit and the storage device so as to simultaneously decode the audio data to be played back and ~~a corresponding one of the common catalog data and title catalog data~~ the one of the corresponding to the audio data to be played back in accordance with the catalog playback information;

wherein the controller distinguishes whether the catalog playback information exists in the storage medium by defining file names of the catalog playback information, defining a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defining information indicating whether a file exists in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region, during the playback operation.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus comprising:

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a playback unit to perform a playback operation on a storage medium on which audio data is recorded with catalog playback information an audio area, and catalog information related to the audio data is recorded in another area other than the audio area, wherein the ~~catalog information comprises common catalog information commonly applied for more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponds to each of the audio data, and the another area comprises a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on the catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) in which at least one title catalog title including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data is recorded, the playback unit to reproduce the audio data and the ~~corresponding one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information according to the catalog~~ playback information.~~

30. (NEW) The playback apparatus of claim 9, wherein:

the catalog information is in a title set and the audio data is in another title set other than the title set.

31. (NEW) The playback apparatus of claim 14, wherein:

the processor reproduces the DVD-audio data corresponding to the catalog information being reproduced, and

the catalog information catalog information being reproduced are in a title set and the DVD-audio data being reproduced is in another title set other than the title set.
